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Serial No.: 09/156,276 PATENT  
Filed: April 25, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 3763  
Examiner: Rodriguez  
Applicant: Rohit C. L. Sachdeva et al.  
Title: MEDICAL INSTRUMENT WITH SLOTTED MEMORY METAL TUBE

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### AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Official Action mailed July 12, 2000. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and these remarks. Additionally, applicants request an extension of the deadline for responding to the Official Action and a check in the amount of the required fee is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS

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(1)(TWICE AMENDED) A medical instrument comprising at least one memory metal tube programmed for an effect selected from the group of effects consisting of memory effect and superelasticity and having in at least one section thereof a plurality of slots defining a retrieval